

JCA launches fund for Katrina victims

The Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) has launched an appeal for monetary contributions to help individuals and families stricken by the aftermaths of Hurricane Katrina throughout the gulf region of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, USA.

JCA calls upon all members of the African Canadian/Caribbean community and all other Canadians to help in this effort.

Thousands of people have suffered tremendous losses as a result of Hurricane Katrina. News agencies have reported that an estimated 40 per cent of states such as the Louisiana city is still flooded and has caused widespread devastation in New Orleans, where about 60 per cent of the city is still under water.

The JCA said the need to help is present as continued estimates further confirm the wider economic

costs of the hurricane are also growing.

"As always, we are depending on our Canadian community and our membership to extend a helping hand during this crisis. We also appeal to our fellow supportive organizations to play their part in aiding the restoration of the affected cities as they go through the rebuilding process," said Leo Campbell, the organization's public relations chair.

The JCA has set up a special Katrina Relief fund through the Royal Bank of Canada to receive financial contributions to help in the rebuilding efforts. Donations can be made at any Royal Bank using Account number 1076512 Transit #06702-003. In addition donations can also be dropped off at JCA Centre, 995 Arrow Road, Toronto ON. (Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.00) All funds will be forwarded to the



Hurricane Katrina victims outside the New Orleans Convention Centre

Canadian Red Cross in aid of the Katrina Hurricane Relief Fund.

"As compassionate individuals it is our duty to help fellow nations and play our part in advancing the welfare of other communities. This is an immense travesty for families including many families of African Descent and we need to do every-

thing we can to assist these families to re-establish their lives," says Sandra Carnegie Douglas, President of JCA.

"We continue to extend our prayers to those families that have lost loved ones and property in wake of this disaster."

Established in 1962, and incorporated in 1971, the JCA is a registered charita-

ble organization committed to identifying and responding to the needs of the African Canadian/Caribbean community in

the Greater Toronto Area. For more information, please call the JCA at 416-746-5772 ext 454. Eyes will return next week